



TASKING MEMORANDUM

Teambuilding

Welcome to your new assignment—JTF Cormorant. We're a semi-permanent task force that's been organized for contingency purposes. For those of you coming out of the Naval Postgraduate School, you should know that we've got some high expectations of you.

You've been assigned to the operations staff as an assistant operations officer in the J3 plans shop—you'll also serve as a member of the information operations cell. Your duties are pretty basic: general operations planning, as well as matters involving information systems.

You can expect to work primarily on deliberate planning activities, although there are occasions when we do crisis action planning. Our current work involves doing deliberate planning for a mission in the Joint Area of Operations.

Now, NPS grads - we'll be looking to you, in particular, for some additional support. We've heard you've got a good background in math and stats, so we'll be expecting you to show some of your quantitative skills. You better just accept the fact now that you're going to get a lot of questions outside of your primary duty area. Get ready to field questions about math, statistics, forecasting, decision making, optimization—when we need quantitative advice, we've been told we can turn to you. So let's see if your reputation is warranted - or not.

Our organization here is pretty typical of any J3 shop, following JP5-00.2. We've included the "wiring diagram" to give you some idea of how we work. Take some time to look it over, though nothing on it should be new to you.

Requirements: Task One

First, we're going to get acquainted. We've got a lot of teamwork ahead of us, and we need to be able to rely on one another. So, write up a short biography and post it on the discussion board. Be sure you put in background on what operational assignments you've had, and how you got to the NPS ISO curriculum. If you can attach a photo to that document, do it. That way, everyone will have a face to put with your name.

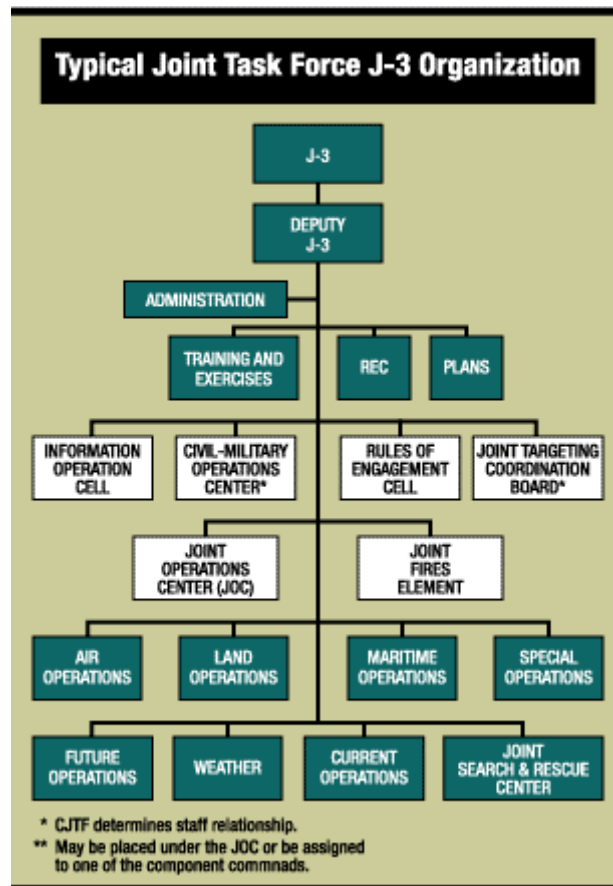
Requirements: Task Two

Next, you'll spend some time looking through the biographies of everyone else in this shop. Get to know them through those posts—you're going to want to know who they are later, believe me.

Requirements: Task Three

Figure out which one other member of the team you want to share a virtual cubicle with. Send that person an invitation. Let them know you're interested in collaborating with them in the course. Once you hook up with an officemate, let me know by posting another message to the discussion board with "Attn: Captain Growler" in the subject line.

Joint Task Force J-3 Organizational Chart



Okay, let's get going on this. We've got a lot of ground to cover. When you've finished the tasks above, take a look at your Briefing Notes for an overview of our first task.